

Bellevue Schools Foundation supporters are investing **\$1 million** this year in programs that transform education and support students. Here are some of the ways these investments support kids at **Woodridge Elementary School**:



■ **K-12 Computer Science Initiative:** Bellevue’s K-12 computer science initiative is one of the first-in-the-nation integrated K-12 computer science/computational thinking curricula. At the elementary school level, we are training teachers and piloting computer science lessons in language arts, math, science, social studies, and special education to develop interest and ability for students underrepresented in secondary and college computer science classes, like girls, and develop students’ critical thinking skills. To date, Bellevue Schools Foundation donors have invested **\$400,000** in this cutting-edge initiative.

■ **Science-Technology-Engineering-Art-Mathematics (STEAM):** This is year five of a multi-year **\$1 Million** investment to innovate the 20-year-old elementary STEAM curriculum, provide professional development for classroom teachers, engage families in STEAM learning, and support after-school robotics and coding activities for students.

■ **Early Learning:** Bellevue Schools Foundation donors are providing tuition assistance to preschool-age children experiencing homelessness so they can enroll in district Early Learning Centers. State funding falls short of needs for early learning in our community. Young children experiencing homelessness need high quality early learning in a nurturing, full-day program. These 3- and 4-year-old children benefit tremendously from the evidence-based curriculum and from access to social services. Donors have provided nearly **\$300,000** to help our neediest early learners.

■ **Project READiness Early Literacy Support:** Woodridge receives support for Project READiness Early Literacy in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade classrooms. Instructional Assistants funded in Woodridge classrooms give teachers time to provide individual and small group instruction in literacy. Foundation donors have invested **\$2.4 Million** in Project READiness Early

2017-18 AE&I Grants	Teacher	Award
Flying to Mars	Sydney Awakuni	\$750
Listen while they read: connecting struggling readers with great books	Linda Peterson	\$500
Seattle Children’s Theatre Ensemble Building for the Classroom	Bree Russell	\$400
A Visit with author Oliver Chin to take a magical journey through Asian culture, history, and cuisine	Charleen Lee	\$5,500
Our Revolution—Story of a black family’s experience during the colonial conflict with Britain	Patty Shelton *Shared Grant	\$1,700
Island of Hope—An Immigrant Family’s Risky Journey to America	Patty Shelton *Shared Grant	\$1,700
Klondike: The Promise of riches and a new life during the gold rush stampede of the 19 <sup>th</sup> century	Patty Shelton *Shared Grant	\$1,700
Become your own Hero with Dan Gemeinhart (award-winning author)	Keith Onstot *Shared Grant	\$9,500

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## INVESTING IN EDUCATION

Literacy support to help students at Woodridge, and other Bellevue high-needs elementary schools, develop into strong readers who are ready to learn.

- **Arts, Enrichment & Innovation (AE&I) and Music Grants:** Teachers can apply for grants to fund music, field trips, and more. Bellevue Schools Foundation donors have provided more than **\$2.25 Million** in these school enrichment grants over multiple years including many grant awards to **Woodridge teachers** for art, field trips, author visits, and more. *See the table for last year's grants.*
- **National Board Certification:** Woodridge teachers received support for their National Board Certification. National studies show that the quality of a child's teacher makes the biggest difference in the quality of their education. **31% of Woodridge teachers have achieved National Board Certification.** Students benefit from their teacher's expertise and love of learning in Woodridge classrooms every day. Foundation donors have invested more than **\$950,000** to help the Bellevue School District lead Washington state in total National Board Certified teachers.
- **Volunteers in Bellevue's Education System (VIBES) Mentoring Program:** Donors have invested more than **\$1.65 Million** in VIBES mentoring to support students in academic and personal growth. Last year, VIBES mentors guided over 4,500 students in Bellevue's public schools.

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